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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 19, 2001, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the paragraph appearing at page 7, line 32 – page 8, line 7, with the following paragraph:

In certain preferred embodiments, the mean diameter of the alumina particles is at least about 40 nm (e.g., particles having a mean diameter from about 40 nm to about 300 nm, preferably from about 80 nm about 300 nm, more preferably from about 100 nm to about 200 nm, still more preferably from about 120 to about 190 nm, and most preferably from about 140-180 nm (e.g., from about 150-170 nm)). In certain of these embodiments, at least about 80% (e.g., at least about 90%) or substantially all of the alumina particles have diameters of at least about 100 nm (e.g., from about 100 nm to about 200 nm, more preferably from about 120 to about 190 nm, and most preferably from about 140-180 nm (e.g., from about 150-170 nm)).